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EXPORT OF CHROME ORE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the states exporting chrome ore at present;

(b) the total quantum of chrome ore exported during the last three years and the earning there from during each year State-wise;

(c) whether there is a vast scope to increase the export of chrome are from Orissa; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): At present chrome ore is being exported from Orissa and Karnataka.

(b): The total quantum of chrome ore exported during the last three years and the earning there from during each year, State-wise, is as follows:

(Quantity in Lakh Metric Tonnes; Value in Rs. Crores)

	Orissa		Karnataka	
Year	Quantity	Value@	Quantity	Value@
2002-03	12.89	277.77	Nil	Nil
2003-04	11.91	361.21	0.095	3.85
2004-05 (Prov.)	11.70	888.70	Nil	Nil

(@ Value derived on the basis of estimated prices)

(c)&(d): It is found necessary to conserve Chrome ore for domestic consumers and, hence, ceiling on export of Chrome ore is being continued.